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To J—h G. C—n
 For quite a spell, dear Uncle Joe, You've had an undisputed track-age; But now we hope your district will This year hand you the proper "package."

To S—l G—s
 The hosts of toil still hail you friend And know you safe will lead 'em. They love the friends they know will stick— And heaven knows how they need 'em.

To C—y M. D—w
 We hope the New Year brings to you Forgetfulness of chestnuts hoary; And now and then some chances to Give us a brand new story.

To T—e R—t
 We hope as Nineteen-ten rolls by You will not lose your hunting eye; But that you'll lose your lust for gore And cease to strive for big game score.

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To R—d L. M—e
 Dear Dick, I make a selfish wish— Right at the New Year's start I wish for you long life to shed Upon each daily toiler's head The sunshine of your heart. I hope, old friend, that Nineteen-ten Will spread its blessings free Upon your head, for well I know As down the rugged road we go You will divide with me.

Cautious
 "There comes Jimperly. I'd ask him to have a cigar with us if it wasn't for just one thing."
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 "I'm afraid he has sworn off smoking."

Au Revoir
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Still a Chance
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Brain Leaks
 Crown winners are never cross dodgers. A heart full of hope makes a face full of light. The man who keeps on trying is never defeated. Cannon is merely an incident resultant upon Cannonism. None of us loves the man who agrees with everything we say. This will be a good year if, during 1910, we profit by the mistakes of 1909. Once in a while a church that needs a resurrection attempts a revival. We are inclined to be suspicious of the sinner who parades his repentance. Some people become so interested in theology that they lose sight of salvation. A lot of Christians confine their efforts to asking God to do something for them. Some people spend so much time praying for help that they grow weak to helplessness. Some people think they are doing all right as long as conscience does not prick them. If those good resolutions have lasted even one week you have accomplished something. People who pray "Thy kingdom come" ought to be willing to do something towards bringing it. The traveling evangelist has one advantage over the regular pastor—he doesn't have to stay and bear the consequences. We've seen church members who expected the preacher to be good enough to make a high average for the congregation. If over-supply means cheaper prices, there must be a decline in the paving material market in a certain place these days. Opportunity knocks at the door every day. The trouble is that it is seldom heard above the "knocking" that is going on inside.

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